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FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY SIX CILSS CHIEFS OF  
STATE AT CONCLUSION OF THEIR MEETING DECEMBER 22  
AND 23 IN NOUAKCHOTT:  
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QUOTE: THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THE INTER-STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DROUGHT IN THE SAHEL MET ON DECEMBER 23, 1975, IN NOUAKCHOTT IN THE ISLAMIC REIYDLIC OF MAURITANIA, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HIS EXCELLENCY, LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL.

QUOTE: THE CONFERENCE HEARD THE REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION WHICH MET ON DECEMBER 21 AND 22, 1975, IN NOUAKCHOTT;

IT HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE FINANCING OF THE OUAGADOUGOU PROGRAM AND HAS NOTED THE EFFORT WHICH HAS BEEN MADE DURING THE PERIOD WHICH HAS JUST CLOSED.

IT RENEWS ITS SINCERE THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY OF DONORS WHICH HAS NOT FAILED TO SUPPORT THE COUNTRIES OF THE SAHEL DURING THIS PAINFUL TEST.

THE CONFERENCE THINKS THAT, IN SPITE OF SLIGHT CLIMATIC IMPROVEMENT NOTED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE SAHEL REMAIN; THEREFORE,

IT REAFFIRMS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PROGRAM PREPARED IN OUAGADOUGOU

IT REITERATES ITS CALL FOR INTERNATIKNAL SOLIDARITY TO CONTINUE THE JOINT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE FINANCING AND THE REALIZATION OF THIS PROGRAM.

QUOTE: THE CONFERENCE TAKES NOTE OF THE CREATION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND FOR THE SAHEL, AND INVITES THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PERSEVERE IN HIS EFFORTS TO MAKE THE FUND A PRIVILEGED INSTRUMENT FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF THE PROGRAM.

QUOTE: THE CONFERENCE ALSO TAKES NOTE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL THE NEW INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT THE MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY EFFORTS; IT IS DELIGHTED ESPECIALLY BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CREATION OF A "CLUB OF THE FRIENDS OF THE SAHEL".

QUOTE: THE CONFERENCE, BELIEVING THAT THE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS WHICH PREVAILED DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS ARE

ANALOGOUS TO THOSE EXPERIENCED IN THE SEVEN SAHEL COUNTRIES,  
DECIDES, PURSUANT TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,  
TO ADMIT THE REPUBLIC OF THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS TO  
THE INTER-STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST THE  
DROUGHT IN THE SAHEL.

QUOTE: THE CONFERENCE OF CHIEFS OF STATE HAS  
UNANIMOUSLY NOMINATED HIS EXCELLENCY, M. MOKTAR OULD  
DADDAAH, PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF  
MAURITANIA, AS THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
COMMITTEE, AND THE MINISTER OF RURAL ECONOMY  
AND CLIMATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER, AS THE  
REGIONAL COORDINATOR, FOR THE TWO YEAR PERIOD  
1976-1977. END QUOTE.HANDYSIDE

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